

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 The method includes the steps of: responsive to satisfaction of a prescribed condition including updating of a program at a download site, requesting transmission of server and the client programs to a program distribution site specified by management information, from a gateway; receiving the server and the client programs from the program distribution site to the gateway; transmitting the received server program from the gateway to a server node; and transmitting the received client program from the gateway to the client nodes.